

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI UAE  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EFIN, TC  
SUBJECT: DYNAMICS OF UAE MONETARY OPERATIONS: BANKS LICENSES  
SUSPENDED

REF: ABU DHABI A-20 OF MARCH 30, 1977

ACCORDING TO LOCAL AMERICAN BANK MANAGER AND MULTINATIONAL CORPORATION LAWYER HATIM ZU'BI (PLEASE PROTECT, UNLESS THIS IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE IN UAE), THE UAE CURRENCY BOARD LAST WEEK SUSPENDED THE LICENSES OF SIX BANKS IN THE UAE. REPORTEDLY THEY WERE THE MOST DEEPLY INVOLVED IN AND BADLY DAMAGED BY SPECULATION DURING THE DIRHAM-DOLLAR RATE CRISIS IN JANUARY (AS PER REFAIR). AMONG THE SIX WERE THE AJMAN ARAB BANK, THE UNITED ARAB BANK, BANK OF BARODA, AND HABIB BANK (OVERSEAS) LTD. ACCORDING TO ZU'BI, THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF DUBAI (BD) WAS ALSO "SEVERELY REPRIMANDED" FOR ITS ACTIVITIES DURING THE CRISIS, BUT ITS LICENSE WAS NOT SUSPENDED.  
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## Message Attributes

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